



Abbey Gate College
Sixth Form



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Music

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Why study this at A Level?

Music is all around us in various forms and barely a day goes by when we do not encounter music of some sort.

Throughout our lives our taste in music will change.

Studying Music as an A level can begin to develop an enquiring mind and an insight into this vast subject.

Course Content and Assessment

There are three components:

Component 1: Performing

35% of the course total, performance 10-12 minutes

Component 2: Composing

25% of the course total, Two compositions lasting a combined time of 6-8 minutes.

Skills obtained

In a Music A level you obtain skills in performing as well as creativity, listening to music, critical analysis, essay structure and writing.

Our students have gone on to pursue a number of related university courses including Music, Music Performance (Conservatoire), Combined Music and Physics, Music Tech and Production, Film and Video

Component 3: Appraising

This accounts for 40% of the A Level. It is a written exam lasting 2hr 15 minutes. It is divided into three parts:

1. The Western Classical Tradition
2. Area of Study – Musical Theatre
3. Area of Study – into the Twentieth Century

There will be some set works to look at for each area of study.